

## THE WEATHER:

Showers this afternoon or tonight. Tomorrow fair, cooler. Temperature at 8 a. m., 67 degrees. Normal temperature for Sept. 17 for last 30 years, 68 degrees.

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# UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT THE KAISER HAS ABDICATED

**LONDON, Sept. 17**—It was learned here this afternoon that rumors are current in border countries that the German Kaiser either has abdicated or is about to abdicate. The rumor was of the vaguest sort, but it was regarding some trouble in the Hohenzollern family. There is absolutely no confirmation of it here. One report was that the entire Hohenzollern dynasty had abdicated or would abdicate.

## ALLIED PEACE VIEWS VOICED BY PRESIDENT, SAYS BRITON

**LONDON, Sept. 17**—"President Wilson speaks for the allies," declared Lord Northcliffe, writing in the Evening News today, relative to the reply to the Austrian peace proposal.

"The only question here is how the refusal should be couched."

"A small, timid minority fears a flat rejection will drive Austria back into the arms of Germany. But the fact is that Austria has never left them."

## PRESIDENT'S NOTE ENDS PEACE DRIVE

The peace offensive of the central powers has completely collapsed. It can be renewed only by them accepting the basic suggestions for ending the war promulgated by the United States. No attention will be paid to any maneuvers in the future unless the Teutonic alliance complies with the conditions that are known to the entire world.

That was the position of American officialdom today. President Wilson's action in setting aside all binding red tape and squarely warning Austria that a subject on which the last word had been said will not be reopened for quibbling, has cleared up what might have proven an ugly situation. The slightest evidence of temporizing would have been seized upon by the Austro-German control as proof that there was a weakening in the war aims of the allies.

## POWDER EXPLOSION JARS BIRMINGHAM

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Sept. 17**—With a tremendous explosion, which shook the entire city from end to end, the North Birmingham Powder Plant, a branch of the Actus Explosive Company, blew up about 12:10 o'clock this afternoon.

Communication with the plant is cut off.

No estimate of the damage or casualties is available.

## How President Smothered Germany's Peace Move

This reply, which is the shortest document this Government has issued in diplomatic correspondence, was issued half an hour after the proposal was handed Secretary Lansing by the Swedish minister:

The Government of the United States feels that there is only one reply which it can make to the suggestion of the imperial Austro-Hungarian government. It has repeatedly and with entire candor stated the terms upon which the United States would consider peace and can and will entertain no proposal for a conference upon a matter concerning which it has made its position and purpose so plain.

## The President's Peace Terms.

The President stated the allies' peace terms and principles on July 4 at Mt. Vernon and they still stand. They are:

First—There can be but one issue. The settlement must be final. There can be no compromise. No halfway decision would be tolerable. No halfway decision is conceivable. These are the ends for which the associated peoples of the world are fighting and which must be conceded there before there can be peace.

Second—The destruction of every arbitrary power anywhere that can separately, secretly, and of its single choice disturb the peace of the world, or, if it cannot be presently destroyed, at the least its reduction to virtual impotence.

Third—The settlement of every question, whether of territory, of sovereignty, of economic arrangement, or of political relationship, upon the basis of the free acceptance of that settlement by the people immediately concerned, and not upon the basis of the material interest or advantage of any other nation or people which may desire a different settlement for the sake of its own exterior influence or mastery.

## LODGE SEES LOOSE PEACE TALK END

By L. C. MARTIN.

(United Press Staff Correspondent.) President Wilson's "prompt and curt refusal" of the Austro-Hungarian peace bait will go far toward making the German people understand that the American people mean to have complete victory, declared Senator Lodge, Senate Republican leader and ranking Republican member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, today, in a speech on Austria's note to the allies suggesting "unbinding" discussion.

"The President's reply to this stupid note will meet, I am sure, with universal approval," said Lodge. "His prompt and curt refusal of the Austro-Hungarian offer was not only right, but wise, for it will, I believe, put an end to loose and feeble talk about these Austro-Hungarian offers, a kind of talk which is not only debilitating and confusing, but distinctly helpful to Germany."

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## SEVEN BILLION ARMY BUDGET IS SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS

An estimate of \$7,247,727,602.32 to carry out the new enlarged army program under the eighteen to forty-five draft law was submitted to Congress by the War Department today.

This came as a supplement to President Wilson's answer to the Teuton peace maneuver.

The new estimates, if left uncut by Congress, will bring total appropriations for the fiscal year of 1919 to more than thirty-six and a half billion dollars.

## Division of Funds.

The estimates are divided as follows:

For pay of the army, \$791,619,952.16.

For subsistence, including food, \$263,410,022.94.

For transportation, \$1,277,854,305.97.

For clothing, \$178,702,831.81.

For chemical warfare, \$198,704,000.

For ordnance, \$3,583,871,660, including \$300,000,000 provided for in a previous contract authorization.

For provost, marshal, general crowder's office and for draft work throughout the country, \$23,617,302.

For air service, \$178,758,396.85, which is in addition to more than \$104,000,000 previously appropriated in the army appropriation bill.

The chemical warfare appropriation is carried for the first time as a separate item. The medical department has always had charge of these expenditures.

## House Hearings Soon.

The new estimates will be carried in the next general deficiency bill, hearings on which will begin before the House Appropriations Committee in the next few days.

In addition to the army estimates, the bill will probably carry estimates of several hundred million dollars for the Shipping Board, bringing the total in the bill above \$8,000,000,000, the amount to be raised by the new revenue bill, the largest in history.

The amount previously appropriated and carried in contract authorization for the fiscal year of 1918-19 is \$20,791,241,973.67. Included in this amount, however, is a half billion dollars contract authorization which is carried as a direct appropriation in the estimates submitted today.

## AUTOS FOR SALE

HENDERSON MOTORCYCLE, a bargain; best offer taken it can be seen any day between 8 and 6:30. Phone Line 5776, 2282 Nichols ave. S. E. 11.

Mr. De Vall, of the De-Comb Tire Co., 2203 Nichols ave., sold the above advertised motorcycle after the ad had been in two days.

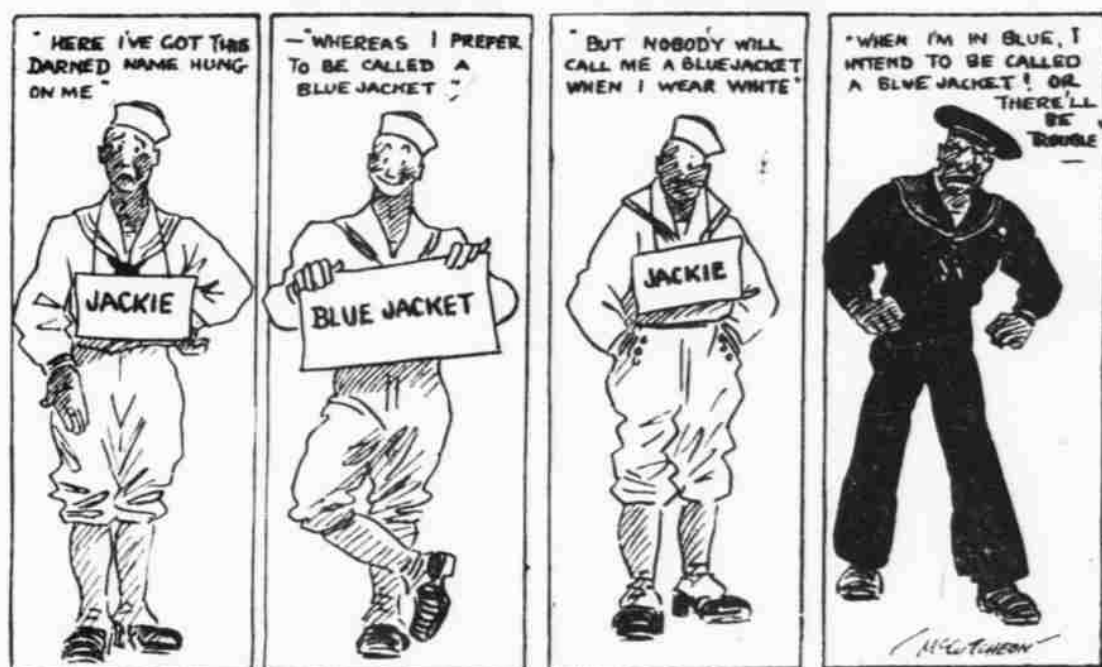
Phone Your Ads. Main 5200. Bill will be sent.

## SOLDIERS AND SAILORS REBEL AGAINST THEIR NICKNAMES

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THE SOLDIERS GOT RID OF THEIR "SAMMY."



AND NOW THE SAILORS WANT TO GET RID OF THEIR "JACKIE."

## TEUTONS FALL BACK ON METZ DEFENSES AS YANKS GO ON

By FRED S. FERGUSON. WITH THE AMERICANS ON THE METZ FRONT, Sept. 17 (2 p. m.).—Gradual progress of the American line at the right and left extremities continues as the Germans fall back toward the Metz defenses.

Aerial activity is somewhat reduced as the result of unfavorable weather.

PARIS, Sept. 17.—American troops have reached Vandieres, within a mile and a half of the German frontier, La Liberte announced today.

(Vandieres is in the Moselle valley, three miles north of Pont-a-Mousson.)

## BRITISH PUSH ON NEAR ST. QUENTIN

**LONDON, Sept. 17**—Further progress toward St. Quentin was reported by Field Marshal Haig today.

The British also improved their positions in Flanders and north of Lens. "Our troops made progress yesterday in the direction of Le Verguer, northwest of St. Quentin," the statement said.

"We improved our positions slightly yesterday, and during the night northwest of Hulluck (between La Bassée and Lens) and northeast of Neuve Chapelle (north of La Bassée)."

## GREEKS ADVANCE; FRENCH GET TOWNS

**ATHENS, Sept. 16 (delayed)**—Greek troops advanced from two to three miles on a nineteen-mile front in the Struma sector, between the Vardar river and Lake Doiran, capturing several villages, according to a dispatch from Saloniki today.

The attack was a complete surprise. The Greeks lost only two officers and ten men, while the Bulgarian losses were extremely heavy.

The French captured Ventrail, Dobre Polje, and Sokol, three vitally important mountain positions which the Bulgarians had been fortifying for two years.

## ADVANCING YANKS FIND LOST FLYER

By HENRY G. WALES.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN LORRAINE, Sept. 16 (delayed).—American troops, advancing on the front east of the Meuse river, rescued Lieut. Palmer Galliard, of Mobile, Ala., an aviator who had been forced by engine trouble to land after he had shot down a German. Galliard had been lost amid the wire east of St. Mihiel, which up to

## CHAPIN ADMITS HE KILLED HIS WIFE

**NEW YORK, Sept. 17**—Admitting that he had killed his wife, but declaring that he had no recollection of the deed, according to the police, Charles E. Chapin, city editor of the New York Evening World, walked into the West Sixty-eighth street station early today and gave himself up. He declared that all memory of his crime had passed from him until he purchased a morning paper and read that the police were searching for him.

Talk is Rambling. Rambling almost incoherently in his talks with detectives, Chapin at times proudly answered their questions and, at other times, assumed a

## Wounded Mule Only American Casualty In Dominican Fight

Fights between United States Marines and Dominican bandits occurred September 7 and 9, marine headquarters announced today. No Marines were killed or injured.

A detachment of ten Marines, commanded by Colonel George C. Thorns, Northfield, Minn., was ambushed at a ford north of Dos Rios on September 7. Twenty bandits were killed in forty minutes' fighting. The only casualty on the American side was a wounded mule.

A detachment of these Guardia Nacional Dominicans, commanded by Marines, killed three bandits in a skirmish near Higüey on September 9.

## NEW WIRELESS RECORD

Wireless messages from Brooklyn navy yard are picked up by balloon views at Arcadia, Cal., according to War Department reports today. This feat is due largely to establishment of unusually long aerials through long cables anchoring the

## BELIEVE EARLY HAS LEFT CITY

Despite a thorough search extending over thirty hours, the police and had found no trace of the whereabouts of John Early, the leper who escaped from his isolated cottage prison on the banks of the Eastern Branch.

While a dragnet has been thrown out for the capture of Early, it is the opinion of Dr. William C. Fowler that he might be in Washington and may surrender after he goes on a sight-seeing tour.